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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As Washoe County Commission Chair and representative of District 1, I have a deep understanding of my community. I work with residents, businesses and local governments to improve our region through economic development and community improvement projects. Today, I am writing to share my support for New Charter, a potential game-changer in the cable broadband industry.

Resulting from the merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner cable and Bright House Networks, New Charter would provide much-needed investment into our nation's broadband infrastructure. These projects would improve our community's capacity to innovate and allow our local businesses to compete on a national stage.

New Charter's infrastructure improvement projects would be a big boost to our state. It would commit to building out commercial and resident networks, promising both time and money to the projects. It would also improve in-home and out-of-home WiFi capabilities, injecting 300,000 new out-of-home hotspots across its extensive footprint. The projects would benefit local communities like mine, and would serve as a positive example for its industry. If approved, the company's impact has the potential to transform our national broadband infrastructure.

I am encouraged by New Charter's commitment to infrastructure improvements, and believe it will have positive ramifications for the future of our technology capabilities. I ask that you please consider these benefits and approve the merger.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Marsha Berkbigler

Washoe County District 1